

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2015
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. L. Shanks, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. M. Grindrod

APOLOGIES

Cllr. P. Fairweather, (Vice Chairman), Cllr. S. Gibbs, PC Eastwood

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk), Mr. J. Beaumont, Mr. C. Cooke-Hurle, Mr. A. Mills, Cllr. M. Harris arrived at 7pm.

1132. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

1133. **MATTERS ARISING**

1123. Should read PC Jason Eastwood

1124. Cllr. Norris asked if BT potholes had been repaired. Cllr. Knight said no and asked Cllr. Shanks if pothole by Godfreys Farm had been repaired, she replied it had been filled with gravel, but not lasting. Will check and report back to the clerk. Cllr. Norris said the see-saw has not been repaired and had email from supplier on 8th Oct, saying he had forgotten, but would chase parts. Cllr. Steele said she had been given authority to go ahead and purchase floatation aid, providing it is red and attached to the Timbrells. Said it was difficult finding a red one, but Cllr. Norris has found a possible one. Problem is the smallest is 24" and the litter bin is 23" wide. Concerned about lifebuoy being on a bracket, as horses will rub against it, feels it needs housing, which will be wider. Will follow up on the red one and talk to Mrs. Pearson. Feels better sited on the pondside of the bridge, on sluice gate box, where it will be visible. Cllr. Norris said three councillors attended a 2 ½ hour session on planning with the NPA. Felt it was useful and talk by the conservation team was beneficial. The Chairman said another one will be organized and councillors will be invited to attend.

1134. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Fairweather would have interest in parking in the High Street.

1135. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beaumont hopes the council will find a way to record their appreciation of Lord Montagu passing away on 31st August. Mentioned the NHW scheme and hopes a councilor will come on board as like to get this started, as Dock Lane one is very successful. Cllr. Norris said the PC has a letter from Lord Ralph Montagu thanking them for their support and donation of £50, said he was very touched.

1136. **HAMPHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber not present.

1137. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Cllr. Harris arriving late.

1138. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present, but sent report. Said he attended Hummicks NHW

meeting to offer reassurance after burglary. Has asked people to stand back and look at their properties, sheds, outbuildings etc and try and make them more secure. Suggests taking photos of jewellery, especially old pieces to help with identification should the worse happen. Has been tasked with managing policing at the Autojumble, as this year we had Romanian pick-pockets and it was quite bad.

1139. **PLANNING**

Boarmans, 15/00685 – 2 storey outbuilding, roof alternations to facilitate Additional 1st floor accommodation, single storey extension to cottage. Cllr. Norris said he was a little worried about the cottage in the grounds as the application was for 80%, so arranged a site visit. Said the owners have now contacted the NPA and a solution has been worked out. They have split the building in two. Said the plans were inverted on the website, so was difficult to understand, but now have met the agent and it has been clarified. Said he phoned the NPA Officer who said he was ‘quite happy now and the application was on its way to be passed’. All councilors voted in favour. BPC recommends permission for the reason that they are complying with the wishes of the NPA and its designated officer and the cottage complies with DP11 30% rule.

Communication Site – National Motor Museum. 15/00668/PATC
Change of antenna. All councilors voted in favour. BPC supports this prior application

Colgrims - 3 Bay Tractor Shed, 15/00751
All councilors in favour

1140. **DECISIONS**

Harford House, Hartford Heath – 15/00453 – Single storey extension –
Granted.

The Abbey Church – 15/00537 – Alterations to buttress
Granted.

1141. **CCTV**

Cllr. Norris said this was normally led by Cllr. Fairweather, but he is away. Said he attended a meeting with Cllr. Fairweather and two NPA officers, one of which was a conservation officer. They visited the Montagu Arms and walked around the village and said they are opposed to having the camera on the Montagu Arms, as it is a listed building. They are suggesting a camera at the end of Fire Station Lane on road sign, but this would mean asking HCC for their permission. Unfortunately we do not own the land under permitted development and Cllr. Thornber not present. Suggested maybe having a drop in post alongside road sign. Mrs. Pearson thought this would be OK but will ask Lord Montagu. Lord Montagu felt it was totally ridiculous not having it on the Montagu Arms as hardly anyone has noticed it. Said he would write to the NPA supporting the PC's wish to keep it on the Montagu Arms. Cllr. Norris said he will talk to Cllr. Fairweather and suggests he goes back to Lisa Crouch and says the community feels it is silly as a lot of people did not notice. Cllr. Steele felt this is a sensible thing to do. Cllr. Norris said we will try that and see what happens. Need to

contact Lord Montagu's secretary and Mrs. Pearson. Mr. Cooke-Hurle asked if the camera was working and Cllr. Norris replied yes, Mr. Cooke-Hurle said we need to know how to access the footage. In Cllr. Shanks case it proves a point that CCTV is the way to go ahead. PC Eastwood is keen for this to happen. Cllr. Norris said we need to get this project up and running and finished. May need to notify the public that cameras are operating, but thinks Cllr. Fairweather has contacted the NFDC about this.

1142. **BROADBAND UPDATE**

Cllr. Norris said he attended a meeting on 28th August at EB Village Hall. Cllr. Thornber had called the meeting and 6 other council chairman's were present. Said EB cabinets are going to fall through the scheme and Beaulieu cabinets, one of which is in EB has had every organization opposing it, verderers etc. but now sorted. East End cabinets now sorted as a land owner came forward. Said Glen from HCC is very good and he said 'if you want high speed broadband, buy a house in Beaulieu'. But Dock Lane and Moonhills not good, the west bank will have very high speed, with fibre optic cables going into homes. BH cabinet has been resolved. The intentions is for 90% of the country to get it. The uptake is much better, so much cheaper. 5% not in the scheme at the moment, but could change. End of two years hopes to tackle the 5%. Hoping will happen by end of year, if not then by January.

1143. **NFDC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Cllr. Harris apologised for joining the meeting late. Reported that he had attended a presentation on dementia and it is a much bigger issue than thought. Said Lymington now a dementia friendly High Street and said he will keep us informed. Said government are going to be encouraging new housing to happen and will be looking at councils to make plans, so NF very active. From 2016 – 2036, nearly 5 figures to be built in NF. Vertically none in the NP. Government says it is up to councils to negotiate, then negotiate with other parties and NP will be part of that. NFDC will be asking who has land/sites. Exbury are looking and being proactive. It is a big issue going forward. Government thinks it will be a boost to the economy. Cllr. Steele asked if it is housing for local people. Cllr. Harris said just for own needs and not taking people from other areas. Cllr. Steele asked if we are critical, but Cllr. Harris did not know. 120 houses per annum in NP, Beaulieu approx. 30. Said Waterside will be a prime location. HCC not funding roads for new developments. Said NFDC will be looking at budgets very soon and an announcement will be made in November, 4 year plan to look at 20% cut from government. Cllr. Norris said the PC may need to justify their precept, so it might affect us. Said EB and Lepe are well behind with broadband, they are thinking of buying their own cabinet. Boldre and Pilley trying to raise money, approx. £300 per household.

1144. **HIGH STREET PARKING**

Cllr. Norris said this is really starting to be a big issue with the community. Said Cllr. Steele and myself have been looking at the High Street and interesting finds. Said he has kept a photographic diary, same time every day for a week and it shows the High Street full. It is the best free long term car park in the NF. Locals have started to go to Dibden Purlieu for their papers etc. Cllr. Steele has been

visiting traders, talking to residents and done a survey and the finds are: car parking spaces = 52 excluding loading bay and using road pass The Lodge – 4 cars there. Traders parking weekends = 24, residents = 18. Average weekdays - traders/school/residents = 44. 8 places available. Weekends = 6 places available. This is totally unfair on local traders, no one doing anything wrong, just the situation. Cllr. Norris said he does not know if he should declare an interest. Said we all need to work together, said most of the traders are small businesses who have rent to pay and employ staff. Cllr. Norris read an email from Cllr. Fairweather about parking in the Garden Centre. Said the school use 20 places in there and if he has to change this, then that will push 20 extra cars onto the High Street. Mentioned car parking pass The Lodge and that Cllr. Thornber has asked his officers to come and look at that. Cllr. Fairweather said the long term plan would be to increase the village car parking, as locals do not shop here as they cannot park. We need to lead this community and go to Beaulieu Estate or village traders will begin to fail. Mr. Cooke-Hurle said the traders are their own worse enemy, most get the minimum rate of pay and cannot afford car parking fees. Businesses are expanding, some residents have 2-3 cars, we need to resolve this for the good of the community. Mr. Beaumont said the paddock at the top of the High Street would be suitable. Said should we look at limited waiting in the middle of the High Street, we need advice. Cllr. Harris said he will talk to Cllr. Thornber and get advice. Mr. Cooke-Hurle said they are 8 parking spaces by the playing field that are not used and the meadow would hold approx. 50 cars, but would need coach bays. Cllr. Norris said we need to write to Beaulieu Estate and show them our informal survey and look to NFDC and HCC as to how to resolve this. Cllr. Norris and Cllr. Steele will draft a letter and include the photographs. Said the village car park has lots of landscaping which could be changed to parking spaces – 10/15 could be short term. Meadow could be for residents and traders. Could be a gravel car park as that would be cheaper and have limited waiting, so cars do not stop all day. Cllr. Norris thanked everyone for their contribution to the discussion.

1145. **WREATH FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

All councilors in favour of this.

1146. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Received a letter from the Common Good Trust inviting applications. Cllr. Shanks does not think it appropriate that BPC apply as we have lots of money. Cllr. Steele said it would be nice to have a bench in the courtyard garden. Cllr. Norris said it is their decision if they give us any money. Also we have CCTV to pay for. Cllr. Norris will draft a letter.

Rural Services Network – Weekly Email News Digest

CPRE – Hampshire countryside is still facing dire threats + Hampshire View

ICO – Data Protection renewal

Clerks & Councils Direct

Safer New Forest – Burglar aware

NF Disability – grant application

- HALC – Booklets
Glasdon – Brochure
Playscene – Playground equipment
NFNPA – Consultation poster
NFALC – Agenda 15th October
Community First New Forest – Sept ebuletin
NFDC
Forward Plan of Key Decision
Register of Electors – Richard Foord & Jonathan Harvey, 7 The Hummicks,
Deletion
Temp Events Notice – 24th Oct – Beaulieu Village Hall – Club Dinner
1147. **CHEQUE SIGNING**
Beaulieu Village Hall Trust - £36.00
Mark Young - £52.50
Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Knight
1148. **QUESTION TIME**
Cllr. Grindrod mentioned speeding in the High Street, says it is a rat-run. Cllr. Steele said we ought to have another defib training session and ask the school and see what other groups there are, i.e line dancers. Said it is £100 for a session. Cllr. Harris very kindly offered to fund this and said he would like to attend. Cllr. Grindrod said he would like to attend. Cllr. Norris said to ask the traders again. Also said she has looked at the Montagu Arms bio-mass plant and spoke to the Manager and it is now operating and do not need planning permission to run, but are happy to resubmit. It has a fence around it and been clad. Height of chimneys has not been lowered as it is needed this height to enable it to operate. It generates smoke, but as the chimney is higher it disperses better, and they would rather not lower it. Said if we have any concerns they are happy for us to look at it. Cllr. Norris said ‘let sleeping dogs lie unless we get any complaints’. Cllr. Knight asked if we had received the Fire Service Risk Review, replied no, so he will get a copy.

Meeting closed at 8.18pm.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 19th November at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.